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1. a. Alte Artillerie Kaserne:

Except for 180 soldiers marching from one barracks building to another, no activity was observed on 11 March 1950. Ambulance [REDACTED] was parked in the barracks yard.

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b. Alte Infanterie Kaserne:

About 30 officers left the barracks, either going by cab toward the town or walking to their nearby private billets. The cabs had been parked in the barracks yard. Some officers left toward the town on passenger car [REDACTED]. All of them wore artillery insignia. It was the impression that the officers had attended a conference. 25X1B

2. a. Herzog Ernst Kaserne on the western side of Leipzigerstrasse:

(1) Occupied by about 60 officers and 400 MI between 15 and 23 March 1950. The barracks buildings were not occupied to capacity. Most of the MI were recruits, allegedly of the 1929 and 1930 classes.

(2) Troops were observed at service of the piece drill and at aiming practice with guns of the following types:
AT guns of about 45 mm caliber
AT guns of about 75 mm caliber
AT guns of about 105 mm caliber
Gun of about 150 mm caliber.

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(3) Six 105-mm AT guns were towed by half-track vehicles, each occupied by 12 soldiers.

(4) Soldiers were repeatedly observed to bring two 150-mm guns into a firing position in the training field behind the barracks. The guns were towed by so-called Stalin tractors. Fifteen tractors of this type were seen lined up for an inspection.

(5) The sentries at the main gate wore red-bordered black epaulets.

(6) The following motor vehicles were identified:

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b. Former Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Leipzigerstrasse:

(1) Occupied by about 60 officers and 400 ~~EM~~. The commanding officer, a colonel, allegedly a Caucasian, was billeted in barracks building No. 4, having given up his private billets on Leipzigerstrasse.

(2) Record practice on the target range about 800 meters north of the barracks was held daily in fair weather.

(3) About 60 soldiers in uniform were seen at athletics and about 50 soldiers at basic drill without rifles on 20 March 1950.

(4) Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets.

(5) The following motor vehicles were identified:

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c. Ammunition dump:

The dump, located in an orchard, was still heavily guarded. It is surrounded by a man-high barbed-wire fence and guarded from watchtowers equipped with searchlights. Personnel observed in the dump wore the insignia of an upright rhombus with crossed gun barrels on their lower left sleeve.

d. Kommandatura:

Moved from Lindenauerstrasse to Parkstrasse and essentially reduced its personnel. It numbered 4 officers and 50 M. Its new chief was a lieutenant colonel. The MVD office was moved from Parkstrasse to the military post headquarters building on Presdenerstrasse and Leipzigerstrasse. The kommandatura building on Lindenauerstrasse was occupied by the German county administration. The officers' billets on Leipzigerstrasse outside the barracks area, were off limits to outside personnel.

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e. [REDACTED] in Altenburg received a shipment of 400 rear-sight pins from the Rothe & Doernberg Machine Tool Factory, Altenburg, on 20 March 1950.

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Comment:

- a. Component units of the 38th AT Arty Brig and the 43rd (Gds) Gun Arty Brig are stationed in the Altenburg barracks (Alte Artillerie Kaserne, Alte Infanterie Kaserne (also referred to as Herzog-Ernst Kaserne), and the Neue Artillerie Kaserne on the eastern side of Leipzigerstrasse (called former Infanterie Kaserne in the report), according to periodic reports, [REDACTED] and the evaluation of motor vehicle numbers.

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b. [REDACTED]

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- c. [REDACTED] was noted on a scrap of paper found in front of the Altenburg barracks on 11 December 1948. It is probably assigned to an artillery unit of one of the two artillery brigades.

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